



Spokane
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Southwest Team Estimated Irrigation Use on Noncultivated Cropland

		Non-irrigated		Gravity Irrigated	Pressure Irrigated	Gravity and Pressure Irrigated	Total Irrigated Acres on Noncultivated Cropland
1982	Estimated	54,500		1,000	9,200	0	10,200
1982	Error *	9,800		1,000	5,100	0	5,100
1987	Estimated	57,400		0	9,700	0	9,700
1987	Error *	10,600		0	5,100	0	5,100
1992	Estimated	49,300		0	17,300	0	17,300
1992	Error *	9,100		0	6,300	0	6,300
1997	Estimated	44,400		0	15,200	0	15,200
1997	Error *	9,600		0	5,200	0	5,200

Estimates may not total because of rounding.

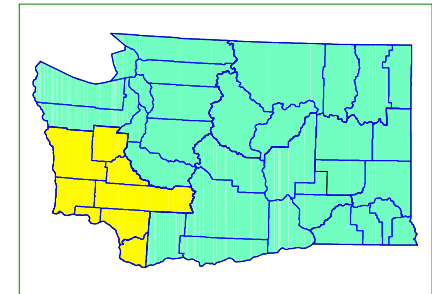
* The error referred to in the table is the standard error of the estimate.

(To obtain the margin of error at the 95% confidence limit multiply the error by 1.96.)

Geographic Area of the Southwest Team of Washington:

Clark
Cowlitz
Grays Harbor
Lewis

Mason
Pacific
Thurston
Wahkiakum



The early 1990's saw an expansion of pressurized irrigation systems in southwestern Washington. Both livestock and dairy operators were seeking to grow more local forage in place of the more expensive forage grown in the Columbia Basin. There has also been an increase in smaller rural holdings that have pleasure horses and the market for horse feed has increased in this area of the state.